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AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add Claims 27-50.

27: (New) A method for cloning a gene comprising the steps of:

- (i) providing a replication-deficient baculovirus vector;
- (ii) providing a rescue vector encoding,
- (a) a nucleic acid sequence which is capable of restoring replication in the replication-deficient baculovirus vector, and
- (b) at least one gene to be cloned;

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